

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 31, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

As shown in Fig. 7, when land pre-pits 8 have an arc shape, as a result of encroachment of the land 7 into the center portion of a recorded pit 10, the normal, that is to say designed, shape and size of the recorded pit cannot be obtained, and a satisfactory RF signal cannot be obtained upon reproduction, so that there is a high probability of readout errors. This tendency is prominent in the case of recorded pits 10 ~~which are shorter than 3T or similar~~ being comparatively shorter ones such as 3T.